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NAME OF PROJECT	REDUCING VULNERABILITIES AND IMPACTS OF NEIGHBORHOOD EMERGENCIES (RAVINE)
COUNTRY AND REGIONS	HAITI
DONOR	USAID/OFDA
CONTRACT NUMBER	AID-OFDA-A-14-00033
START AND END DATE OF PROJECT	OCTOBER 1, 2014 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2015
TOTAL ESTIMATED FEDERAL FUNDING	\$749,999
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I. ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

AOR	Agreement Officer's Representative
CHF	CHF International (now Global Communities)
COP	Chief of Party
DFA	Director for Finance and Administration
GC	Global Communities
LOP	Life of Project
M&E	Monitoring & Evaluation
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
PMEP	Performance Monitoring and Evaluation Plan
SMT	Senior Management Team
SOW	Scope of Work
STTA	Short Term Technical Assistance
TA	Technical Assistance
USAID	United States Agency for International Development

II. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report covers October 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014.

Global Communities start up team immediately began to mobilize administrative support, technical support and senior management once given the clearance to incur costs from USAID.

Global Communities held community meetings to reconfirm DRR-related priorities in the RAVINE zone. GC staff compiled these proposals and submitted to USAID/OFDA for an initial review. GC held meetings with the Municipality of Port au Prince and Ministry of Public Works to obtain their feedback on identified projects.

GC staff identified more than thirty potential foreman for training under the Build Safer component.

III. INTRODUCTION

The Reducing Impacts and Vulnerabilities in Neighborhood Emergencies (RAVINE) program targets neighborhoods straddling the Ravine Nicolas in Port au Prince, Haiti and will leverage recently completed participatory processes to improve physical mitigation efforts, as well as the preparedness of neighborhood households. The RAVINE program targets approximately 60,000 beneficiaries over a 12-month period in the neighborhoods of Christ-Roi, Cité Choune and Ravine Pintade. RAVINE will work in partnership with governmental actors, community-based organizations (CBOs), and residents to improve disaster and risk management by building on past participatory processes that identified much-needed infrastructure upgrades. By starting where other processes left off, RAVINE will be able to show quick results to neighborhoods fatigued by planning processes yet still struggling to fill infrastructure gaps that leave their households at risk from seismic and flooding events.

GC will also carry out two technical assistance programs in the zone. First, GC will implement a Build Safer program aimed at improving the quality of construction in the zone, by targeting foreman and contractors working or planning to work on small structures. In addition, GC will implement a Waste Management Campaign aimed at informing residents and promoting behavioral change in the disposal of solid waste in the immediate RAVINE zone.

IV. PROGRESS BY COMPONENT AND EXPECTED RESULT

a. Key Achievements

There is no update to this section for this reporting period.

b. New Developments Impacting Implementation

There is no update to this section for this reporting period.

c. Contracts and Sub-Awards

i. Contracts

There is no update to this section for this reporting period.

ii. Sub-Awards

There is no update to this section for this reporting period.

d. Monitoring and Evaluation

There is no update to this section for this reporting period.

e. Lessons Learned

There is no update to this section for this reporting period.

f. Challenges and Constraints

There is no update to this section for this reporting period.

V. PROJECTED ACTIVITIES FOR NEXT PERIOD

Activities planned for the upcoming period, January 1, 2015 through March 31, 2015, consist of, but are not limited to:

- Finalize technical designs for all USAID/OFDA approved infrastructure investments.
- Carry out barrier analysis for Build Safer and Waste Management Campaign,
- Organize a Build Safer day in the Nazon neighborhood,
- Launch Build Safer training program for foremen in the RAVINE zone,
- Sign MOUs with Port au Prince municipality and Ministry of Public Works, and
- Launch bids for the first infrastructure projects.